

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed December 8, 2004. Claims 1-53 and 71 are canceled, no claims are amended, and new claims 69-71 are added (The previous claim numbered "22.1" has been renumbered as new claim 71, but has been canceled as belonging to Group I.) As a result, claims 54-70 remain pending in this Application.

Applicants believe no new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed December 8, 2004, wherein the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-53, drawn to a machine-implemented method for a progressive optical device, classified in class 351, subclass 177.
- II. Claims 54-68, drawn to an optical device or lens, classified in class 351, subclass 169.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 8, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the invention of claims 54-68 (Group II).

Applicants have canceled all claims of Group I (claims 1-53 without prejudice, and reserve the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6971 if deemed helpful to facilitate prosecution of this Application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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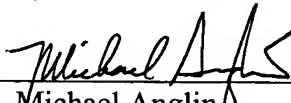
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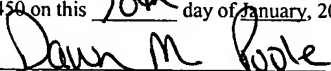
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